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In 2006, the Legislature, in item 0540-001-0140, required the Secretary for Resources to submit a report to the fiscal and policy committees on the actions it will take to stabilize the Delta and address Pelagic Organism Decline (POD). This report provides updated information on the potential causes of the POD decline, describes how this information relates to potential actions, and describes actions that will be taken in FY 2006-07 to address factors known to contribute to the decline. It includes actions that exercise all State legal authorities, including actions by departments outside the Resources Agency. The Plan recognizes existing programs and calls for new efforts in: (1) Comprehensive Ecosystem Evaluations Actions; (2) Water Project Operations; (3) Food Web Actions; (3) Habitat Improvement Actions; and (4) Invasive Species Actions.

This report reflects a collaborative effort and application of the best available data and science as coordinated between the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Fish and Game, with input from the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The developing scientific understanding contained in this report includes the independent scientific review provided at the CALFED Science Conference in October 2006 and at the Environmental Water Account Peer Review Panel in November 2006.

We look forward to working with the Legislature as we pursue implementation of the actions contained in this report and continuously adapt our management actions in response to the evolving scientific understanding of the causes of the decline.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 653-5656, or your staff may contact Jerry Johns, Deputy Director of the Department of Water Resources, at (916) 653-5791 or Perry Herrgesell, Bay-Delta Policy Advisor, Department of Fish and Game, at (209) 948-3746.

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